REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Applicants have substituted 1300°C for 1300′C in claim 8, as noted by the Examiner.

Claims 5 and 6 stand objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 2. Applicants have canceled claim 5 and amended claim 6 to conform to 37 CFR 1.75

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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